

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2015**

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes were approved and will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)) in their entirety, and the complete current month ending, along with resolutions and other supporting documents.

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; and Maureen Davey, Member; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Dell was absent.

Public Comments: Public Comment on matters within the Commissioners jurisdiction pursuant to §2-3-103, MCA, public comments will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on the Agenda.
No comments were heard.

Minutes Approval: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Emergency Meeting held March 29, 2015; and the Regular Meeting held March 31, 2015, as presented. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Report (s):

1. Pine Crest Fire - Carol Arkell, Fire Warden, stated on behalf of the fire team she would like to thank Stillwater County and especially the Commissioners with their guidance with the fire. The Pine Crest Fire started on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Fire suppression costs are estimated at approximately \$400,000 for the 3,000 acres consumed. Commissioner Shupak stated David Hamilton, Incident Commander DNRC, and Tom Killham, Liaison Officer DNRC CAT Team, both sent letters of thanks to the Commissioners. The Commissioners sent a letter of appreciation to the DNRC County Assist Team on the fire for their prompt response and cooperation. Commissioner Davey stated “we all know this takes a team effort. It’s not one office or another office, it is the whole group working together and we can’t do it without working together and a good relationship”. Commissioner Shupak concurred.
She said a couple of building were lost and a minor injury occurred, but the main thing was, we didn’t lose any lives. She thanked everyone who participated in the suppression of the Pine Crest Fire, including the Fire Warden, Fire Districts, and the Road Department.

It was impressive to see the community come together. She added that having this fire so early in season and still with all the fuels we have, she hopes it is an eye opener to people that are considering any burning, and they are responsible for what they burn.

2. 2015 Legislative Session - Commissioner Davey stated that each Monday at noon she sits in on a hour-long conference call talking about legislation that effects counties. Previous bills discussed are still on going. She said the session has been extended because they recessed for Easter but they will get their 90 working days in.
3. Clerk of District Court - Fees in the amount of \$10,271.16 were collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2015.
4. Clerk and Recorder - Fees in the amount of \$6,667.69 were collected for the month ending March 31, 2015.

Courthouse Facilities

Space Project: No new written comments have been received. A public hearing has been set for May 5, 2015, at 6:30 PM

DES: Carol Arkell, DES Coordinator, explain the grant year is a little earlier this year. She said this is an application of intent to apply for grant funding and proposed the same funding as last year. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the Emergency Management Planning Grant 2015 Statement of Work and Project Budget. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation

Committee: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to appointment Steve Keating of Molt to fill the position to serve a 3-yr term on the Historic Preservation Committee. Commissioner Shupak **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.